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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS COMPLETED**

Project reviews completed from July 15 to August 15 are listed below. These projects have been screened through the internal environmental review process for potential impacts on wetlands, threatened and endangered species, and cultural and archaeological resources, etc. Through the review process it was determined that environmental impacts have been kept to a minimum and mitigated as necessary, that they do not meet the criteria for significant actions as defined in the environmental review process, and may proceed. All of these projects are in compliance with the Endangered Species Protection Act, Natural Areas Preservation Act, Interagency Wetlands Policy Act and cultural resource statutes.

## Fox Ridge State Park

1600395 - This project involves upgrades to the site residence, which was built in 1938 by the Civilian Conservation Corp. The existing boiler will be replaced with a new boiler system. Project was submitted for review on 7-9-15.

## I&M Canal

1600620 - This project involves installation of an aerial power line to cross the I&M Canal. The crossing will be approximately 150' in length. There will be two poles on the West Side Reserve. Project was submitted for review on 7-16-15.

## Edward Madigan State Park

1601246 - This project involves roadway improvements on 1010<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the entrance to Edward Madigan State Park. This realignment is necessary due to railroad improvements for high speed rail. Project was submitted for review on 8-3-15.

## · I&M Canal

1601241 - This project involves sampling, excavation, and removal of waste contaminated soil and sediment. A portion of the north canal prism will be removed for remediation and then replaced. Project was submitted for review on 8-3-15.

## Beaver Dam State Park

1601286 - This project involves removal of silt that is blocking the boat ramp launch area and to rebuild the water runoff influence which is causing the siltation problem. Project was submitted for review on 8-4-15.

# Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area

1513140 - This project involves removal of encroaching, non-native, woody species from the margins of currently-farmed fields in the West Open Unit. Project was submitted for review on 6-3-15.

# Siloam Springs State Park (Buckhorn Unit)

1601287 - This project involves constructing two gravel hunter parking lots. Project was submitted for review on 8-4-15.

## Hennepin Canal – Oppold Marina

1601390 - This project involves replacement of an aging dock system by the Sterling Park District. Project was submitted for review on 8-6-15.

## Edward Madigan State Park

1601570 - This project involves installation of an electrical transmission line along the ROW of 1010<sup>th</sup> Ave. Approximately five single steel poles will be needed to run the line in 650' spans. Project was submitted for review on 8-11-15.

## Beall Woods State Park

1601566 - This project involves demolition of a storage barn at the site maintenance facility and construction of a new pole barn as a replacement. Project was submitted for review on 8-11-15.

## Pyramid State Park

1601726 - This project involves expanding the field trial parking lot at the Captain Management Unit. This project will build two gravel lanes immediately south of the existing parking lot. Project was submitted for review on 8-13-15.

Questions and Comments
All questions and comments about the environmental review process or this newsletter should be directed to:

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Email: DNR.EcoCAT@illinois.gov

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#### FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FUNDED PROJECT

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, this public notice is being given for the following project which is supported by federal assistance funding. Project specific comments or questions should be directed to 217/785-5500 or to <a href="mailto:DNR.EcoCAT@illinois.gov">DNR.EcoCAT@illinois.gov</a>.

Project Title: Sanganois State Fish & Wildlife Area (SFWA) Land Exchange

Project Number: W-37-L

Federal Assistance Program: Wildlife Restoration (Pittman-Robertson)

Project Description:

Washington, D.C. 20240.

This project involves a land exchange at the Sanganois SFWA. Approximately 19 acres of IDNR owned land will be exchanged for approximately 20 acres of privately owned land. The exchange will eliminate in holds and improve connectivity at the site for wildlife management and public access for wildlife dependent recreational purposes.